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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LON NOL'S SPEECH ON FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF
FOUNDING OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC

1. FOLLOWING ARE FRENCH AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF ADDRESS TO
NATION PRESIDENT LON NOL INTENDS TO DELIVER BY RADIO (HE
WILL SPEAK IN KHMER) ON OCTOBER 9, WHICH IS FOURTH ANNIVER-
SARY OF FOUNDING OF KHMER REPUBLIC. REQUEST BOTH TEXTS BE
PASSED TO PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET AND GKR DELEGATION. IT
OCCURS TO US THAT LONG BORET MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO QUOTE
FROM THIS ADDRESS--PARTICULARLY THE REITERATION OF THE
JULY 9 APPEAL FOR UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE
KHMER CONFLICT -- IN HIS OWN SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SCHEDULED FOR LATER THE SAME DAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: CITOYENS KHMERS,

AUJOURD'HUI NOUS CELEBRONS LE QUATRIEME ANNIVERSAIRE
DE LA DONATION DE LA REPUBLIQUE. DEPUIS BIEN DES MOIS ON
DOUTAIT A L'ETRANGER QUE LA REPUBLIQUE PUISSE SURVIVRE,
MAIS NOUS SOMMES TOUJOURS LA, AYANT FAIT LA PREVUE DE
L'EFFICACITE CROISSANTE DES FORCES ARMEES NATIONALES
KHMERS, PARTOUT BARRANT LA ROUTE A L'ANNEMI.

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LES QUATRE DERNIERES ANNEES FURENT DURES POUR TOUS.
VOUS, MILITAIRES ET CIVILS, AVEZ SUPPORTE DES SACRIFICES

ENORMES. NOUS EVONS TOUS SOUFFERT, MAIS JE VOUDRAIS EN CE JOUR SOLENNEL RAPPELER QUE CES SACRIFICES N'ONT PAS ETE FAITS POUR SALUT D'UN HOMME OU CELUI K'UN GROUPE D'HOMMES, MAIS PLUTOT POUR LA SURVIE DE CERTAINES IDEES ET DE CERTAINES VALEURS QUI NOUS SONT CHERES A TOUS. NOUS FAISONS CES SACRIFICES POUR QUE VOUS ET VOS DECENDANTS PUISSIEZ AVOIR LA POSSIBILITE DE PRATIQUER VOTRE RELIGION OU ET QUAND VOUS LE VOULEZ, D'AMBRASSER LES METIERS QUE VOUS SOUHAITEZ, DE TRAVAILLER A DES HEURES ET EN DES LIEUX QUI VOUS PLAISENT, DE VOUS DEPLACER A VOTRE GUISE. VOUS VOULEZ AVOIR LE DROIT DE PARLER, MEME DE CRITIQUER, VOUS VOULEZ VIVRE DANS LA TRADITION DE LIBERTE DE VOS ANCETRES. C'EST POUR DEFENDRE CES GRANDES VALEURS ET CES DROITS QUE TANT DE KHMERS SONT PRETS A SUPPORTER LE SACRIFICE. CE SONT CES IDEES QUE L'ADVERSAIRE OPPOSE ET C'EST AUSSI LA RAISON POUR LAQUELLE DES REFUGIES PAR MILLIERS VIENNENT TROUVER ASILE DANS LES REGIONS QUE NOUS CONTROLONS.

LE QUATRIEME ANNIVERSAIRE DE LA FONDATION DE LA REPUBLIQUE COINCIDE AVEC L'EPOQUE OU LA COMMUNAUTE INTERNATIONALE VA SE SAISIR DANS LE CADRE DE L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE DE L'ONU DU PROBLEME KHMER. NOUS NOUS REJOUISSONS DU FAIT QUE LA COMMUNAUTE INTERNATIONALE PRENNE CONSCIENCE DE CETTE GUERRE OUBLIEE EN ASIE DE SUD EST. DANS LA MESURE OU LAWONU UOSES MEMBRES POURRONT NOUS AIDER - TROUVER UNE SOLUTION ENTRE KHMERS, CETTE ORGANISATION AURA APPORTE UNE GRANDE CONTRIBUTION AU RETABLISSEMENT DE LA PAIX. MAIS CET INTERET DE L'ONU NE DOIT PAS PRE
JE LA
FORME D'UNE INGERENCE DANS LES AFFAIRES INTERIEURES D'UN PAYS MEMBRE. COMME D'AUTURES HOMMES D'ETAT DE PAYS VOISINS D'ASIE L'ONT RECEMMENT SI ELOQUEMMENT EXPLIQUE A LA TRIBUNE DE L'ONU, LA DECISION L'EXPLUSER UN PAYS QUI A CHANGE LEGALEMENT SA FORME DE GOUVERNEMENT ET DE LA REMPLACER PAR UN GOUVERNEMENT EN EXIL, SERAIT UN PRECEDENT LOURDE DE CONSEQUENCES POUR L'AVENIR DE L'ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE ET POUR BEAUCOUP DE SES EMMBRES.

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QUATRE ANS DE GUERRE, C'EST BEAUCOUP, MEME TROP. LE 9 JUILLET DERNIER, PARLANT AU NOM DE TOUS LES KHMERS, J'AI LANCE UN APPEL A NOS CONCITOYENS DE L'AUTRE COTE POUR TROUVER UNE SOLUTION NEGOCIEE A NOTRE CONFLIT. NOUS N'AVONS POSE AUCUNE CONDITION POUR ENTRER DANS CE DIALOGUE ET NOUS AVONS AFFIRME QUE TOUTES LES QUESTIONS QUI DIVISENT LES KHMERS DE DEUX COTES SONT SUJETTES A DISCUSSION. EN CE QUATRIEME ANNIVERSAIRE DE LA FONDATION DE LA REPUBLIQUE, JE RENOUVELLE SOLENNELLEMENT CET APPEL A L'AIDE A TOUS LES KHMERS ET A TOUS LES PAYS IMBUS DE JUSTICE ET DE PAIX POUR QUE SE CREE UN DIALOGUE QUI PERMETTRA DE TROUVER UNE FIN A CE COFLIT. IL EST SUREMENT POSSIBLE DE SE METTRE D'ACCORD SUR LES IDEES, VALEURS ET CONCEPTIONS QUI DEVRAIENT GUIDER L'AVENIR DE CE PAYS.

MAIS QU'IL N'Y AIT AUCUN DOUTE DANS L'ESPRIT DE NOS ADVERSAIRES, NOTRE VOLONTE EST DE CONTINUER A NOUS BATTRE SI BESOIN, POUR NOUS OPPOSER A L'IMPOSITION D'IDEES ET DE CONCEPTIONS ETRANGERES A NOS TRADITIONS. DANS LA LUTTE POUR CES LIBERTES NOUS JOUISSONS DU SOUTIEN ET DE LA SYMPATHIE DE BIEN DES PAYS ETRANGERS.

BEAUCOUP DE KHMERS -- DE TOUS LES COTES -- ONT PERDU LA VIE DANS CETTE LUTTE ET JE M'INCLINE DEVANT LEUR
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MEMOIRE EN CE QUATRIEME ANNIVERSAIRE DE LA FONDATION DE LA REPUBLIQUE EN PRIANT QUE LEUR SACRIFICE N'AIT PAS ETE VAIN ET QU'UNE PAIX JUSTE REVIENT RAPIDEMENT DANS CETTER TERRE SI EPROUVEE.

3. KHMER FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC. FOR MANY MONTHS SOME ELEMENTS ABROAD DOUBTED THAT THE REPUBLIC COULD SURVIVE, BUT WE ARE STILL HERE, HAVING GIVEN PROOF OF THE INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE KHMER NATIONAL ARMED FORCES, WHICH ARE EVERYWHERE

THWARTING THE ENEMY'S EFFORTS.

THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT ONES FOR EVERY-ONE. YOU, MILITARY AND CIVILIANS, HAVE BORNE ENORMOUS SACRIFICES. WE HAVE ALL SUFFERED, BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL, ON THIS SOLEMN DAY, THAT THOSE SACRIFICES HAVE NOT BEEN MADE ON BEHALF OF ONE MAN OR FOR THE WELFARE OF A GROUP OF MEN, BUT RATHER FOR THE SURVIVAL OF CERTAIN IDEAS AND CERTAIN VALUES WHICH ARE DEAR TO ALL OF US. WE MAKE THESE SACRIFICES SO THAT YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS CAN HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF PRACTICING YOUR RELIGION WHERE AND WHEN YOU WISH, OF TAKING UP THE TRADES THAT YOU DESIRE, OF WORKING AT THE TIMES AND THE PLACES THAT YOU PLEASE, OF MOVING ABOUT IN YOUR OWN WAY. YOU WISH TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK, EVEN TO CRITICIZE, YOU WISH TO LIVE IN THE TRADITION OF FREEDOM OF YOUR ANCESTORS. IT IS TO DEFEND THESE GREAT VALUES AND THESE RIGHTS THAT SO MANY KHMERS ARE READY TO BEAR THE SACRIFICES. IT IS THESE IDEAS THAT THE ADVERSARY OPPOSES AND IT IS ALSO THE REASON WHY REFUGEES BY THE THOUSANDS ARE COMING OVER TO FIND ASYLUM IN THE REGIONS WHICH WE CONTROL.

THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC COINCIDES WITH A TIME WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS GOING TO TAKE UP THE KHMER PROBLEM IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE REJOICE IN THE FACT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS TAKING COGNIZANCE OF THIS FORGOTTEN WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS MEMBERS CAN HELP US TO FIND A SOLUTION AMONG KHMERS, THAT ORGANIZATION WILL HAVE MADE A GREAT CON-

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TRIBUTION TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE. BUT THIS INVOLVEMENT BY THE UNITED NATIONS MUST NOT TAKE THE FORM OF AN INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A MEMBER COUNTRY. AS OTHER STATESMEN OF NEIGHBORING ASIAN COUNTRIES HAVE RECENTLY EXPLAINED SO ELOQUENTLY FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE DECISION TO EXPEL A COUNTRY WHICH HAS LEGALLY CHANGED ITS FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND TO REPLACE IT WITH A GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE, WOULD BE A PRECEDENT HEAVY WITH CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND FOR MANY OF ITS

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FOUR YEARS OF WAR IS A GREAT DEAL OF FIGHTING; AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT IS TOO MUCH. LAST JULY 9, SPEAKING IN THE NAME OF ALL THE KHMERS, I LAUNCHED AN APPEAL TO OUR FELLOW CITIZENS ON THE OTHER SIDE TO FIND A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO OUR CONFLICT. WE DID NOT LAY DOWN ANY CONDITION TO ENTERING INTO THIS DIALOGUE AND WE AFFIRMED THAT ALL QUESTIONS WHICH DIVIDE THE KHMERS OF THE TWO SIDES ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION. ON THIS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC, I SOLEMNLY RENEW THIS APPEAL FOR HELP TO ALL THE KHMERS AND TO ALL COUNTRIES IMBUED WITH JUSTICE AND WITH PEACE IN ORDER THAT A DIALOGUE BE CREATED WHICH WILL PERMIT THE FINDING OF AN END TO THIS CONFLICT. SURELY IT IS POSSIBLE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ABOUT THE IDEAS, VALUES AND CONCEPTS WHICH SHOULD GUIDE THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY.

BUT IN ORDER THAT THERE BE NO DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF OUR ADVERSARIES, WE ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT IF NECESSARY, TO OPPOSE THE IMPOSITION OF IDEAS AND CONCEPTS WHICH ARE FOREIGN TO OUR TRADITIONS. IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THESE LIBERTIES WE ENJOY THE SUPPORT AND THE SYMPATHY OF MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

MANY KHMERS--OF ALL SIDES--HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THIS STRUGGLE, AND ON THIS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC I BOW MY HEAD BEFORE THEIR MEMORY AND PRAY THAT THEIR SACRIFICE WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN AND THAT A JUST PEACE WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO THIS LAND WHICH HAS SUFFERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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